Notes on Rank One Perturbed Resolvent. Perturbation of Isolated Eigenvalue.

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Abstract

This paper is a didactic commentary (a transcription with variations) to the paper of S.R. Foguel *Finite Dimensional Perturbations in Banach Spaces*. Addressed, mainly: postgraduates and related readers.

Subject: Suppose we have two linear operators, A, B, so that

B-A is rank one.

Let λ_o be an *isolated* point of the spectrum of A:

$$\lambda_o \in \sigma(A)$$
.

In addition, let λ_o be an eigenvalue of A:

$$\lambda_o \in \sigma_{pp}(A)$$
.

The question is: Is λ_o in $\sigma_{pp}(B)$? – i.e., is λ_o an eigenvalue of B? And, if so, is the multiplicity of λ_o in $\sigma_{pp}(B)$ equal to the multiplicity of λ_o in $\sigma_{pp}(A)$? – or less? – or greater?

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Introduction

We continue to discuss the paper of S.R. FOGUEL, *Finite Dimensional Perturbations in Banach Spaces*, and we assume that the reader is familiar with our previous paper arXiv:math-ph/0312016.

The situatian we will discuss is:

Let A and B, so that A - B is rank one ¹, i.e.,

$$B - A = -f_a < l_a|$$

for an element f_a and a linear functional l_a . Next, let λ_o be an *isolated* point of the spectrum of A:

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Foguel gave an answer in a very general situation. We will not discuss all his constructions. Instead, for technical reasons, we assume the underlying space $\mathcal H$ to be $\mathit{Hilbert}$, and A, B to be bounded and symmetric, hence $\mathit{self-adjoint}$, with respect to

$$(,)$$
 = Hilbert inner product on \mathcal{H} .

Thus we restrict ourselves by discussing the situation where there are fewer complications.

¹more accurately expressed, rank one or less

Recall some facts.

If \mathcal{A} is a self-adjoint operator, and if λ_o is a **non-real** number, $\operatorname{Im} \lambda_o \neq 0$, then

$$\lambda_o - \mathcal{A} : D(\mathcal{A}) \subset \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{H}$$

is a bijection, and, in addition

$$(\lambda_o - \mathcal{A})^{-1} : \mathcal{H} \to D(\mathcal{A}) \subset \mathcal{H}$$

is bounded.

If \mathcal{A} is a self-adjoint operator, and if λ_o is a **real** number, $Im \lambda_o = 0$, then

$$P_{\lambda_o}^{\mathcal{A}} := strong - \lim_{\epsilon \downarrow 0} (i\epsilon(\lambda_o + i\epsilon - \mathcal{A})^{-1})$$

exists and the range of $P_{\lambda_o}^{\mathcal{A}}$ is the set of all $f_{\lambda_o} \in D(\mathcal{A})$ such that

$$(\lambda_o - \mathcal{A}) f_{\lambda_o} = 0.$$

In addition, $P_{\lambda_o}^{\mathcal{A}}$ is a projection operator and a self-adjoint operator.

If λ_o is a **real** number, $Im \lambda_o = 0$, so that for all λ near λ_o , and $\lambda \neq \lambda_o$, it has occurred that

$$\lambda \in \rho(\mathcal{A})$$
 = the resolvent set of \mathcal{A} ,

in other words, if $\lambda_o \in \rho(\mathcal{A})$ or λ_o is an *isolated* point of $\sigma(\mathcal{A}) = \text{spectrum of } \mathcal{A}$, then

$$(\lambda - \mathcal{A})^{-1} = \frac{P_{\lambda_o}^{\mathcal{A}}}{\lambda - \lambda_o} + \mathcal{A}_{\lambda_o} - (\lambda - \lambda_o)\mathcal{A}_{\lambda_o}^2 + (\lambda - \lambda_o)^2 \mathcal{A}_{\lambda_o}^3 - \cdots$$
for all λ near λ_o , $\lambda \neq \lambda_o$,

and for a bounded self-adjoint A_{λ_a} .

In particular, if λ_o is an isolated point of $\sigma(\mathcal{A})$, then $\lambda_o \in \sigma_{pp}(\mathcal{A})$.

Recall in addition, that

if A^{-1} exists and $1 - \langle l_a | A^{-1} f_a \rangle \neq 0$, then B^{-1} exists and, in addition,

$$B^{-1} - A^{-1} = \frac{A^{-1}f_a < l_a|A^{-1}}{1 - < l_a|A^{-1}f_a >}$$

On the other hand,

if
$$1 - \langle l_a | A^{-1} f_a \rangle = 0$$
, then $BA^{-1} f_a = 0$

if

$$Bv_0 = 0 \text{ and } v_0 \neq 0$$
,

then

$$\langle l_a | v_0 \rangle \neq 0$$
, $1 - \langle l_a | A^{-1} f_a \rangle = 0$, $BA^{-1} f_a = 0$, and $v_0 = A^{-1} f_a \langle l_a | v_0 \rangle$.

Notice that

$$(\lambda - B) - (\lambda - A) = -(B - A) = f_a < l_a |.$$

Thus, we conclude:

if $(\lambda - A)^{-1}$ exists and $1 + \langle l_a | (\lambda - A)^{-1} f_a \rangle \neq 0$, then $(\lambda - B)^{-1}$ exists and, in addition,

$$(\lambda - B)^{-1} - (\lambda - A)^{-1} = -\frac{(\lambda - A)^{-1} f_a < l_a | (\lambda - A)^{-1}}{1 + \langle l_a | (\lambda - A)^{-1} f_a \rangle}$$

On the other hand,

if
$$1 + \langle l_a | (\lambda - A)^{-1} f_a \rangle = 0$$
, then $(\lambda - B)(\lambda - A)^{-1} f_a = 0$

if

$$(\lambda - B)v_0 = 0$$
 and $v_0 \neq 0$,

then

$$\langle l_a | v_0 \rangle \neq 0, 1 + \langle l_a | (\lambda - A)^{-1} f_a \rangle = 0, (\lambda - B)(\lambda - A)^{-1} f_a = 0,$$

and

$$v_0 = (\lambda - A)^{-1} f_a < l_a | v_0 > .$$

Before starting, we shall recall that we prefer Dirac's "bra-ket" style of expressing, in the following form:

Notation 1. If f is an element of a linear space, X, over a field, K, then $|f\rangle$ stands for the mapping $K\to X$, defined by

$$|f > \lambda := \lambda f$$
.

Notation 2. If l is a functional and we wish to emphasise this factor, then we write < l| instead of l. We also write < l|f> instead of < l|f>1, and write the terms |f>< l| and f< l| interchangeably:

$$< l|f> \equiv < l||f>1 \equiv l(f)$$
 , $f < l| \equiv |f> < l|$.

Finally, we will restrict ourselves to the case where $\langle l_a |$ is of the form:

$$\langle l_a|u\rangle := \alpha(f_a|u) \quad (u \in \mathcal{H}), \text{ for a real number } \alpha.$$

In this case, it is naturally to use the notations:

$$\alpha(f_a| := < l_a| \text{ and } |f_a> := |f_a).$$

1 Perturbation of Isolated Eigenvalue.

Now, we turn to the relations, which links $(\lambda - A)^{-1}$ and $(\lambda - B)^{-1}$, and which we now write as follows:

if $(\lambda - A)^{-1}$ exists and $1 + \alpha (f_a | (\lambda - A)^{-1} f_a) \neq 0$, then $(\lambda - B)^{-1}$ exists and, in addition,

$$(\lambda - \lambda_o)(\lambda - B)^{-1} - (\lambda - \lambda_o)(\lambda - A)^{-1} = -\alpha \frac{(\lambda - \lambda_o)(\lambda - A)^{-1} f_a(f_a | (\lambda - \lambda_o)(\lambda - A)^{-1}}{(\lambda - \lambda_o) \left(1 + \alpha (f_a | (\lambda - A)^{-1} f_a)\right)}$$

Note that the denominator is equal to

$$(\lambda - \lambda_o) + \alpha (f_a | P_{\lambda_o}^A f_a)$$

$$+ (\lambda - \lambda_o) \alpha (f_a | A_{\lambda_o} f_a)$$

$$- (\lambda - \lambda_o)^2 \alpha (f_a | A_{\lambda_o}^2 f_a) + (\lambda - \lambda_o)^3 \alpha (f_a | A_{\lambda_o}^3 f_a) - \cdots$$

We distinguish three cases:

(a)
$$\alpha(f_a|P_{\lambda_a}^A f_a) \neq 0$$

(b)
$$\alpha(f_a|P_{\lambda_a}^A f_a) = 0, 1 + \alpha(f_a|A_{\lambda_a} f_a) \neq 0$$

(c)
$$(f_a|P_{\lambda_o}^A f_a) = 0, \ 1 + \alpha (f_a|A_{\lambda_o} f_a) = 0, \ \alpha \neq 0.$$

It is worthy to note that if

$$1 + \alpha(f_a | A_{\lambda_a} f_a) = 0$$

then

$$1 = |\alpha(f_a|A_{\lambda_o}f_a)|^2 \le |\alpha|^2(f_a|f_a)(A_{\lambda_o}f_a|A_{\lambda_o}f_a) = |\alpha|^2(f_a|f_a)(f_a|A_{\lambda_o}^2f_a)$$

As a result,

if
$$1 + \alpha(f_a|A_{\lambda_o}f_a) = 0$$
, then $(f_a|A_{\lambda_o}^2f_a) \neq 0$

Now let

$$\lambda := \lambda_o + i\epsilon \text{ and } \epsilon \downarrow 0.$$

Then we infer:

$$\alpha(f_a|P_{\lambda_a}^A f_a) \neq 0$$

In this case,

$$P_{\lambda_o}^B - P_{\lambda_o}^A = -\alpha \frac{P_{\lambda_o}^A f_a(f_a | P_{\lambda_o}^A)}{\alpha (f_a | P_{\lambda_o}^A f_a)}$$
$$= -\frac{P_{\lambda_o}^A f_a(f_a | P_{\lambda_o}^A)}{(f_a | P_{\lambda_o}^A f_a)} \quad \text{(note that } \alpha \neq 0\text{)}$$

In particular,

$$dim P_{\lambda_o}^B = dim P_{\lambda_o}^A - 1$$
.

$$\alpha(f_a|P_{\lambda_a}^A f_a) = 0, 1 + \alpha(f_a|A_{\lambda_a} f_a) \neq 0.$$

In this case, if $\alpha=0$, then B=A, $P_{\lambda_o}^B=P_{\lambda_o}^A$, $dim P_{\lambda_o}^B=dim P_{\lambda_o}^A$. Otherwise, $(f_a|P_{\lambda_o}^A f_a) = 0$ and

$$(P_{\lambda_a}^A f_a | P_{\lambda_a}^A f_a) = (f_a | P_{\lambda_a}^A f_a) = 0.$$

Hence

$$P_{\lambda_a}^A f_a = 0$$
,

and

$$(\lambda - A)^{-1} f_a = +A_{\lambda_o} f_a - (\lambda - \lambda_o) A_{\lambda_o}^2 f_a + (\lambda - \lambda_o)^2 A_{\lambda_o}^3 f_a - \cdots$$
for all λ near λ_o , $\lambda \neq \lambda_o$,
and for a **bounded self-adjoint** A_{λ_o} .

$$P_{\lambda_o}^B - P_{\lambda_o}^A = 0.$$

In particular,

$$dim P^B_{\lambda_o} = dim P^A_{\lambda_o} \,,$$

as well.

$$(f_a|P_{\lambda_o}^A f_a) = 0, 1 + \alpha(f_a|A_{\lambda_o} f_a) = 0, \alpha \neq 0.$$

In this case, as well as in the case (b).

$$P_{\lambda_a}^A f_a = 0$$
,

and

$$(\lambda - A)^{-1} f_a = +A_{\lambda_o} f_a - (\lambda - \lambda_o) A_{\lambda_o}^2 f_a + (\lambda - \lambda_o)^2 A_{\lambda_o}^3 f_a - \cdots$$
for all λ near λ_o , $\lambda \neq \lambda_o$,

However

$$P_{\lambda_o}^B - P_{\lambda_o}^A = -\alpha \frac{A_{\lambda_o} f_a(f_a | A_{\lambda_o})}{-\alpha (f_a | A_{\lambda_o}^2 f_a)}$$
$$= \frac{A_{\lambda_o} f_a(f_a | A_{\lambda_o})}{(f_a | A_{\lambda_o}^2 f_a)} \quad (\alpha \neq 0)$$

In particular,

$$dim P_{\lambda_o}^B = dim P_{\lambda_o}^A + 1$$
.

2 Example

Let \mathcal{T} stands for the functions transformation defined by

$$(\mathcal{T}u)(x) := -\frac{\partial^2 u(x)}{\partial x^2};$$

 \mathcal{T}_{DD} be the restriction of \mathcal{T} so that \mathcal{T}_{DD} acts on that functions, u, for which $(\mathcal{T}u)(x)$ is defined at $0 \le x \le 1$ and, in addition:

$$u(0) = 0$$

$$u(1) = 0$$

We take $L_2(0,1)$, as the underlying space \mathcal{H} . In this space, \mathcal{T}_{DD} is closable and symmetric. Moreover, it is essentially self-adjoint. That means that its closure, \mathcal{T}_{DD} , is self-adjoint.

One can check that T_{DD}^{-1} exists and is an integral operator; its integral kernel is

$$G_{DD}(x,\xi) = -\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} x \cdot (\xi - 1) & , & \text{if } x \leq \xi \\ (x - 1) \cdot \xi & , & \text{if } \xi \leq x \end{array} \right\}$$

One can also check that

$$\sin(\pi x), \sin(2\pi x), \sin(3\pi x), \dots$$

are eigenfunctions of T_{DD} and, of course, of T_{DD}^{-1} . The corresponding eigenvalues of T_{DD} are

$$\pi^2, (2\pi)^2, (3\pi)^2, \dots$$

and that of T_{DD}^{-1} are

$$\frac{1}{\pi^2}, \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2}, \frac{1}{(3\pi)^2}, \dots$$

All eigenvalues are multiplicity-free. It is not very difficult to describe

$$(z-T_{DD})^{-1}$$
.

This is an integral operator. Its integral kernel is

$$G_{DD}(x,\xi,z) = -\frac{1}{k\sin(k)} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \sin(kx)\sin(k(1-\xi)) &, & \text{if } x \leq \xi \\ \sin(k\xi)\sin(k(1-x)) &, & \text{if } \xi \leq x \end{array} \right\}$$
where k is defined by $k^2 = z$,

and where, of course, z is to be so, that

$$\sin(k) \neq 0$$
.

As for

$$(\lambda - T_{DD}^{-1})^{-1}$$
,

it is not very difficult to describe it as well: A general (and quite standard) argumentation is:

$$\begin{split} (\lambda - T_{DD}^{-1})^{-1} &= T_{DD}(\lambda T_{DD} - I)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \Big(\lambda T_{DD}(\lambda T_{DD} - I)^{-1} \Big) \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \Big((\lambda T_{DD} - I + I)(\lambda T_{DD} - I)^{-1} \Big) \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \Big(I + (\lambda T_{DD} - I)^{-1} \Big) \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \Big(I - \frac{1}{\lambda} (\frac{1}{\lambda} - T_{DD})^{-1} \Big) \quad (\text{ naturally, here } \lambda \neq 0) \,. \end{split}$$

Now, we let

$$A := T_{DD}^{-1}$$

$$B := A + \alpha f_a(f_a)$$

where f_a is defined by

$$f_a(x) := (x - \frac{1}{2}),$$

and let us apply the theory described in the previous section. So, let

$$f_z := z(z - T_{DD})^{-1} f_a$$
,

i.e.,

$$zf_z(x) + \frac{\partial^2 f_z(x)}{\partial x^2} = z(x - \frac{1}{2}),$$

$$f_z(0) = 0,$$

$$f_z(1) = 0.$$

Hence

$$f_z(x) = (x - \frac{1}{2}) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin(k(x - \frac{1}{2}))}{\sin(k(\frac{1}{2}))}$$

where k is defined by $k^2 = z$,

and where, recall, z is such that

$$\sin(k) \neq 0$$
.

Thus we deduce:

$$\left((-I + z(z - T_{DD})^{-1}) f_a \right)(x) = -f(x) + f_z(x)
= -(x - \frac{1}{2}) + (x - \frac{1}{2}) - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin(k(x - \frac{1}{2}))}{\sin(k(\frac{1}{2}))}
= -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin(k(x - \frac{1}{2}))}{\sin(k(\frac{1}{2}))}$$

where k is defined by $k^2 = z$,

$$(f_a|(-I+z(z-T_{DD})^{-1})f_a) = -\frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 (\xi - \frac{1}{2}) \frac{\sin(k(\xi - \frac{1}{2}))}{\sin(k(\frac{1}{2}))} d\xi$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{\xi=0}^1 (\xi - \frac{1}{2}) \frac{d\cos(k(\xi - \frac{1}{2}))}{k\sin(k(\frac{1}{2}))}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\cos(k(\frac{1}{2}))}{k\sin(k(\frac{1}{2}))} - \frac{1}{2} \int_{\xi=0}^1 \frac{\cos(k(\xi - \frac{1}{2}))}{k\sin(k(\frac{1}{2}))} d(\xi - \frac{1}{2})$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\cos(k(\frac{1}{2}))}{k\sin(k(\frac{1}{2}))} - \frac{1}{k^2}$$

$$1 + z\alpha(f_a|(-I + z(z - T_{DD})^{-1})f_a) = 1 + k^2\alpha\left(\frac{\frac{1}{2}\cos(k(\frac{1}{2}))}{k\sin(k(\frac{1}{2}))} - \frac{1}{k^2}\right)$$
$$= 1 + \alpha\left(\frac{k}{2}\frac{\cos(\frac{k}{2})}{\sin(\frac{k}{2})} - 1\right)$$

 $We\ conclude:$

The new eigenvalues, λ_n , are defined by

$$1 + z_n \alpha (f_a | (-I + z_n (z_n - T_{DD})^{-1}) f_a) = 0,$$

i.e., by

$$1 + \alpha \left(\frac{k_n}{2} \frac{\cos(\frac{k_n}{2})}{\sin(\frac{k_n}{2})} - 1\right) = 0,$$

and the associated eigenfunctions are

$$\left((-I + z_n(z_n - T_{DD})^{-1}) f_a \right) (x) = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin(k_n(x - \frac{1}{2}))}{\sin(k_n(\frac{1}{2}))}$$

Now, let

$$\alpha := 1.$$

In this case, the solutions to

$$1 + \alpha \left(\frac{k_n}{2} \frac{\cos(\frac{k_n}{2})}{\sin(\frac{k_n}{2})} - 1\right) = 0$$

are

$$k_n = \pi, 3\pi, 5\pi, \ldots,$$

which conflicts with

$$\lambda_n \in \rho(T_{DD}^{-1}).$$

Hence, there are **no new eigenvalues**, if $\alpha = 1$ (!!)

Now, let us analyse

$$\lambda_o - B$$

in the case where

$$\lambda_o \in \sigma(T_{DD}^{-1}), \lambda_o \neq 0,$$

i.e., where

$$k_o \in \{\pi, 2\pi, 3\pi, 4\pi \ldots\}$$
.

Firstly we notice that λ_o is multiplicity-free (in $\sigma(A)$) and that a corresponding eigenfunction, f_{λ_o} , is such that

$$f_{\lambda_o}(x) = \sin(k_o x) \quad (x \in [0, 1]).$$

We have: $(f_{\lambda_o}|f_{\lambda_o}) = 1/2$, hence,

$$P_{\lambda_o}^{\mathcal{A}} = 2f_{\lambda_o}(f_{\lambda_o}|$$

In accordance with the scheme which had been formed in the previous section, we analyse $(f_a|P_{\lambda_o}^Af_a)$. We have,

$$(f_a|P_{\lambda_o}^A f_a) = (f_a|2f_{\lambda_o})(f_{\lambda_o}|f_a)$$

$$= 2\Big|\int_0^1 (\xi - \frac{1}{2})\sin(k_o\xi)d\xi\Big|^2$$

$$= 2\Big|\Big(-\frac{\xi}{k_o}\cos(k_o\xi) + \frac{1}{k_o^2}\sin(k_o\xi) + \frac{1}{2k_o}\cos(k_o\xi)\Big)\Big|_{\xi=0}^{\xi=1}\Big|^2$$

$$= 2\Big|\frac{1}{2k_o}(1+\cos(k_o))\Big|^2.$$

We divide the analysis into two parts.

If

$$k_o \in \{2\pi, 4\pi, 6\pi \ldots\},$$

then

$$(f_a|P_{\lambda_o}^A f_a) = \frac{2}{k_o^2}.$$

In this case,

$$(f_a|P_{\lambda_o}^A f_a) \neq 0.$$

Hence, if

$$k_o \in \{2\pi, 4\pi, 6\pi \ldots\},$$

then

$$dim P_{\lambda_o}^B = dim P_{\lambda_o}^A - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$$

and

 λ_o is no eigenvalue of B .

On the contrary, if

$$k_o \in \{\pi, 3\pi, 5\pi \ldots\},$$

then

$$(f_a|P_{\lambda_o}^A f_a) = 0.$$

Hence, if

$$k_o \in \{\pi, 3\pi, 5\pi \ldots\},$$

then

$$dim P^B_{\lambda_o} \ge dim P^A_{\lambda_o} = 1$$

and

 λ_o is an eigenvalue of B .

And what is equal then the multiplicity of λ_o to?

To answer this question, let us analyse

$$1 + \alpha (f_a | A_{\lambda_o} f_a) = 1 + \lim_{\epsilon \downarrow 0} (f_a | \left((\lambda_o + i\epsilon - A)^{-1} - \frac{P_{\lambda_o}^A}{i\epsilon} \right) | f_a)$$
$$= 1 + \lim_{\epsilon \downarrow 0} (f_a | \left((\lambda_o + i\epsilon - A)^{-1} \right) | f_a)$$

Notice,

$$1 + (f_a|((\lambda - A)^{-1})|f_a) = 1 + z\alpha(f_a|(-I + z(z - T_{DD})^{-1})f_a)$$

$$= 1 + k^2\alpha(\frac{\frac{1}{2}\cos(k(\frac{1}{2}))}{k\sin(k(\frac{1}{2}))} - \frac{1}{k^2})$$

$$= 1 + \alpha(\frac{k}{2}\frac{\cos(\frac{k}{2})}{\sin(\frac{k}{2})} - 1)$$

$$= \frac{k}{2}\frac{\cos(\frac{k}{2})}{\sin(\frac{k}{2})} \text{ (because } \alpha = 1).$$

Hence,

$$1 + \alpha(f_a | A_{\lambda_a} f_a) = 0.$$

Thus, we conclude:

If

$$k_o \in \{\pi, 3\pi, 5\pi \ldots\},$$

then

the multiplicity of
$$\lambda_o = 2$$
.

Exercise. Compare B with the Green's function generated by $-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2}$ on [0,1] and relations

$$u(0) = -u(1)$$
 , $\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\Big|_{x=0} = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\Big|_{x=1}$.

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